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To: Westfield Board of Works

From: Melody Jones

CC: Todd Burtron

Date: December 30, 2012

RE: Park Improvements as of December 2012

Dear Board Members:

The Maintenance Team has been very busy attempting to finish up projects before the end of the year and before the nice weather ran out. Mother Nature got the best of us and we have a few uncompleted projects that we will continue to work on through the cold weather.

We are expanding our team. Stephanie Baumann will be changing titles. Stephanie will be the new Program Coordinator for the department. A new part time Administrative Assistant will be starting at the end of January. We are very excited about expanding recreational opportunities to the City.

PARKS

ASA BALES

The maintenance crew will continue to work on the retaining wall and railing in Asa Bales Park. This will be weather depended.

We have some bridge repairs to complete and hope to have this done next week.

GRAND JUNCTION PLAZA

We will be closing on four properties in January. Demolition will be scheduled after closing. That should be a total of five properties to be demolished at that time. We removed two buildings in December. We will be placing project signs on Jersey, Park and Mill Streets so the community

will understand what is going on. We also plan on working with Public Affairs on social media project updates.

Once the 50% plans are completed this month, the hydraulic permits can be submitted. The City will move forward to requests quotes for final design of Grand Junction Park and Plaza in February.

Simon Moon

The sledding hill is very popular with all the snow. Additional parking is being provided at City Service Center.

TRAILS

Monon Trail

Construction of the Monon Trail pedestrian bridge over 146th Street has not been completed. We are waiting on a project report from Hamilton County.

Midland Trace Trail

Phase 3 of the Midland Trace (trail from Carey east to Gunther) has been paved. The concrete work will be completed as soon as the weather permits.

Special Events or Programs

Westfield in Bloom (WIB) sponsored the Downtown Business Holiday Lighting Competition again this year in connection with Westfield in Lights (WIL). This year's winner was Erica's Restaurant. They will be recognized at the January Chamber Luncheon.

The 8th annual Race to the New Year was held on Saturday, December 29th. With the heavy snow on the ground the overall numbers of participants were down this year. Per registered numbers were on the same level as the previous year. I would like to extend a special thank you to the Police Department for their assistance with street closures. The Street Department and Park Maintenance Team were plowing roads.

The Parks and Recreation Department will start training with the ActiveNetwork team in January. We hope to go live with the programming and scheduling system in March. Programming will begin in May 2013.

We received notification that we have been awarded a \$75,000 Safe Routes to School Grant by INDOT. These funds will be used to write and implement a plan for children walking and biking to Oak Trace Elementary School. Neil VanTrees and I met with INDOT for our pre-contract meeting.

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The contract will be reviewed and presented to the Mayor for his signature.
That will begin the grant process.

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